

*April 2009*

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# Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana Newsletter



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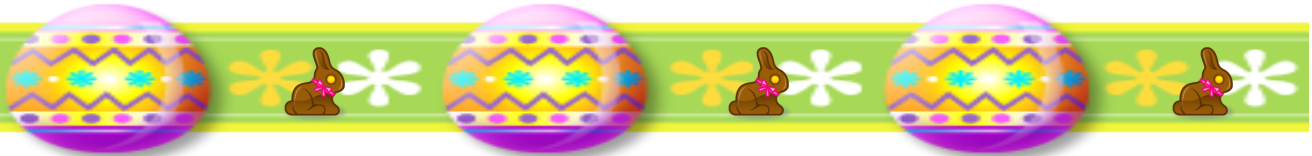
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## *Notes from the Council Table*

Greetings Fellow Tribal Members,

On February 28<sup>th</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup>, the Tribal Council conducted a strategic planning retreat. This intensive two-day meeting was held in conjunction with the data that was enumerated from the strategic planning surveys that were collected. The retreat was extremely beneficial in planning for the future of our Tribe. The Tribal Council continues to work towards formulating a plan that can be presented at the June general meeting.



In regard to the two proposed constitutional amendment provisions to Article V “Governing Body,” the Tribal Council has learned that the documentation that was provided to the Bureau of Indian Affairs has been reviewed and approved by the officials at the area office and is currently under review by the Regional Solicitor. Once the proposal is reviewed and approved by the Regional Solicitor, we expect to move forward with this matter as part of the June election. To reiterate once more, we will provide proper notification to the voting membership which will contain exact language of the proposal and further explanation thereof.

The Tribal Council has been informed that the hotel project with S&F Development is underway. The environmental report and the geotechnical investigation have been completed. The construction drawings are underway and we will receive a preliminary set of the drawings as promptly as possible so we can review and comment as necessary.

Progress is being made towards the Raintree Market project. As most of you will recall, this is the Tribal Owned grocery market located in Raintree Village. We have engaged 4D Contractors out of Ruston, LA to prepare the project plans and specifications. 4D specializes in this type of facility construction and in order to achieve all of the efficiencies out of the design process and on recommendation from Associated Grocers, Inc., this company was selected. The site plan has been prepared and work is underway on the facility layout to include the floor plan, location of equipment and other specialized features of the facility. Other items such as the Deli equipment, freezers and other display cases are being specified and determined for feasibility in this project.

The Tribal Council will again sponsor the Summer Youth Program. The Summer Youth Program will commence on June 15<sup>th</sup> and run for a 4-week period. Parents and workers – please be on the lookout for announcements with further information regarding the Program.

Until then,

*Your Tribal Council*

### **Resolution for the Month of January**

- #01/09 Appoints April Cook Wyatt to serve as an Election Board Member for the unexpired term ending March 1, 2012.

### **Resolutions for the Month of February**

- #02/09 Authorizes the Chairman, Lonnie L. Martin, to sign the servitude agreement prepared by AT&T Louisiana and the Tribe to provide the new Elementary School in Raintree Village with the required telecommunications services.
- #03/09 Authorizes the Chairman, Lonnie L. Martin, to sign the servitude agreement prepared by ATMOS Energy Corporation and the Tribe to provide the new Elementary School in Raintree Village with the required natural gas service.
- #04/09 Authorizes the Development Director, Brian Headley, to sign the listing agreements with Coldwell Banker for the remaining lots within Silvercreek Subdivision thereby extending the listing agreement for a 1-year period.
- #05/09 Authorizes a Commercial Land Lease for Candy Marcotte Menard for the use of operating a fast food business.
- #06/09 Authorizes the Chairman, Lonnie L. Martin, to sign and execute the Raintree Market Agreement with Countice Roy and the Supplement to Agreement Between the Tribe and 4-D Contractors, LLC, and such Agreements shall take effect according to specific terms set forth in each Agreement and commencing on the date specified as March 1, 2009.
- #07/09 Authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer, Peggy Gaddy, to submit a Basic Library Services grant application for fiscal year 2009 for the purpose of providing funding for basic library service activities on the Reservation, and to sign any and all documents pertaining to the grant.
- #08/09 Authorizes the Chief Administrative Officer, Peggy Gaddy, to submit the FY 2009 IHS Mini-Dental Grant Program application to The United South and Eastern Tribes, and to negotiate and sign any and all documentation pertaining to same.
- #09/09 Authorizes the Authorized Representatives, Chairman, Lonnie L. Martin or Vice Chairman, Tricia Mora, acting alone, to act on behalf of, in the name of, and for the account of the Tribe, to execute an Allonge document extending the line of credit with the Whitney National Bank for a period of 90 days to mature May 2, 2009, and that any and all applicable documents shall continue in full force and effect only as set forth in those documents and as amended by the Allonge document.
- #10/09 Tabled.
- #11/09 Authorizes the lease of one (1) safe deposit box for the Casino, and authorizes specific staff and/or commissioners to access the safe deposit box on behalf of the Casino, and rescinds Resolution CHI-TC #65-08.
- #12/09 Authorizes the Chairman, Lonnie L. Martin, to sign any and all documents pertaining to the Prospecting Permit for Oil and Gas as requested by Amber Energy LLC to acquire a non-exclusive surface mineral prospecting permit without lease option to explore 390.67 acres of Tribal lands, and Amber Energy LLC has agreed to comply with the exclusion of cultural sites according to the approved seismic survey map, job number 3296.

### **Resolution for the Month of March**

- #10/09 Previously tabled on 02/25/09. Approves the supplement to the Financing and Security Agreement and Sales Order 478042 with IGT to finance equipment for use at Cypress Bayou Casino/Shorty's, which supplement provides for Arbitration and Dispute Resolution and a limited waiver of sovereign immunity.



# CHITIMACHA TRIBAL POLICE NEWS



## MARCH 2008

For the month of February 2008 the following traffic citations were issued—five for speeding and one for stop sign violation.

Nineteen verbal warnings were given for various traffic violations.

The following arrests were logged for February 2008:

02-01-09	One male arrested for domestic abuse battery.
02-04-09	One female arrested on outstanding warrants from Franklin Police Department for theft and monetary instrument abuse by possessing a counterfeit bank check.
02-07-09	One male arrested on a 16 <sup>th</sup> Judicial Court warrant for failure to appear for a probation review hearing.
02-08-09	One male arrested on a 16 <sup>th</sup> Judicial Court warrant for illegal possession of stolen things.
02-08-09	One male arrested for resisting an officer with force, remaining where forbidden and three counts of public intimidation.
02-08-09	One male arrested on a Third Court warrant for domestic abuse battery.
02-15-09	Two males arrested for simple battery.
02-15-09	Two males arrested for disturbing the peace by fighting and simple battery.
02-19-09	One male arrested for theft.
02-20-09	One male arrested for criminal trespassing.
02-21-09	One male arrested for reckless operation of a vehicle.
02-25-09	One male arrested for criminal trespassing.
02-28-09	One male arrested for criminal trespassing.

## TRAINING

On Wednesday, February 18, 2009 the Chitimacha Police Department and Cypress Bayou Casino hosted a Louisiana Association of Scientific Crime Investigators training course on "Evidence Handling, Packaging and Preservation." Forensic Chemists from the Acadiana Crime Lab conducted the training and gave an overview on the services that are provided by the crime lab, the proper way to collect, handle and package all types of evidence, guidelines on the submission of certain types of evidence and the testing and reporting practices of the crime lab. Over a 100 law enforcement personnel from various agencies attended the four hour training session. The training took place at the Casino Pavilion.





### ATV SAFETY TRAINING

On April 06, 2009 Lieutenant Brian Millet and Officer Jake Darden will attend an ATV Safety Training Course. Some time during the summer these officers will teach a certification course on ATV Safety. All juveniles that own four wheelers, dirt bikes, go carts, etc. will be encouraged to attend this course.

Parents—please call the police department at 923-4964 and enroll your children. You will be notified of the date and time when the course has been scheduled.

***HAPPY EASTER TO EVERYONE!  
BUCKLE UP AND DRIVE SAFELY!***



Chief of Police, Blaise Smith presented a Certificate of Appreciation to Tanya Rosamond, Principal of The Chitimacha Tribal School, for her support and dedication to the Chitimacha Police Department. Tanya is always willing to assist the police department with various projects and letting police employees use the school for various law enforcement trainings.

# CHITIMACHA TRIBAL SCHOOL

*Eagle Pride...Eagle Spirit!*



## 2008-2009 CTS School Year

Reported by Molly Chiasson:

"Wild, Crazy, and downright WEIRD!" That was the atmosphere at CTS for the 2<sup>nd</sup> 9 weeks pep-rally. Students and staff dressed in their wildest outfits ever to celebrate their gigantic academic improvement from the 1<sup>st</sup> 9 weeks. Students in every grade improved in many subject areas. The biggest improvement was in AR (Accelerated Reader) scores. 75% of students in grades 1<sup>st</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> achieved their goal and were awarded with an entire week of "Free Dress." We are so very proud of our students for working so hard.

Students were also awarded "Free Dress Passes", "+5 Passes", goodie bags, and prizes for earning principals list, honor roll, good conduct, most improved, and perfect attendance. They rightfully deserved to let their hair down, have lots of fun, and act silly for the pep-rally.

And, act silly they did! Students participated in a "cheer-off", enjoyed watching dancing from an older CTS student while laughing much of the time, and seeing their dressed-up teachers compete for the school spirit stick. Congratulations to Ms. Angelle who was voted the "wildest" dressed and won the spirit stick for her 8<sup>th</sup> grade class.

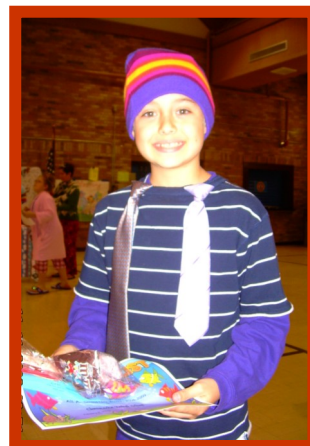
Students also laughed until their cheeks hurt while listening to crazy animal sounds and seeing if their classmates could identify the coordinating animal. The afternoon was filled with loads of excitement that will carry into the 3<sup>rd</sup> 9 weeks as students gear up for spring testing. The entire staff at CTS has full confidence that students will absolutely do their best because they have truly been working hard! Hard work does "pay" off!



Ms. Denise and  
Ms. Molly



Jovan Anderson



Peyton Trahan



### Reported by Janeen Robicheaux:

Seventh and eighth graders in Mrs. Janeen's reading classes celebrated the transformation of Ebenezer Scrooge, the well known main character in Charles Dicken's "A Christmas Carol", during a Victorian party held in his honor. Students enjoyed traditional Victorian-style refreshments and games while learning some interesting facts about the Victorian Era. The students presented essays comparing Mr. Scrooge's personality and behavior at the beginning of the story to these characteristics at the end. The celebration ended with a toast: "To Mr. Scrooge, you're a good man and may you enjoy this incredulous transformation for many years to come!"



(pictured: Erica Compton, Victoria Vilcan, Katie Vilcan, Kaitlyn Landry, Bailey Hebert, Jovan Anderson, and Trae' Kitchens...Bailey was unable to let go of his chocolate strawberry for a quick picture!)

### Reported by Angelle Vice:

"Does matter matter?" Science and math are moving and grooving at CTS! In sixth grade students are studying the chemical components of matter and their relation to mathematics. Testing the pH level of various substances using litmus paper was an exciting way to learn the facts about acids and bases. But, watching the two react as an overflowing, bubbly mess was the biggest hit of all!

Seventh graders have been *dissecting* a unit on systems of the human body in preparation for those frogs! They are looking forward to identifying major organs of the skeletal and muscular system, digestive system, circulatory system, respiratory system, and nervous system.

In math eighth graders are preparing for that exciting transition into high school. Algebra lessons are being incorporated into the school-wide "Deep Into Math" curriculum. Students are acquiring the skills to not only find how many gallons of water and hours are needed to fill an Olympic-size swimming pool, but also to find the value of that pesky "x".

### Reported by Jamie Baudoin:

It's hard to believe February is already here. Time flies when you are having FUN! Mrs. Jamie & Mrs. Sheila's kindergartners have enjoyed exploring ways of counting from 11 to 20. To make this skill fun students use many different types and colors of objects. Students also are reading and writing numbers through 31.



In centers one theme that students are focusing on is comparing and categorizing sets of “Mardi Gras Beads” by their size. The theme for the month of February is *Louisiana*. The children will learn about their culture, governor, state bird, state flower, etc. A “HUGE” congratulation to our kindergarten star student Ethan Vilcan!

**Reported by Molly Chiasson:**

Let the countdown begin! CTS staff and students celebrated the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school with lots of “100<sup>th</sup> day” fun. Students used multiples of 10s to dance 100 dance moves, exercised with 100 jumps, and competed with each other in a relay obstacle course that students had to complete, again using multiples of 10 to make 100! Students also were entertained as they watched their teachers race while adding 10 more articles of clothing to their attire. Teachers had to slip on things like boots, oversized sunglasses, feather boas, and much more as fast as they could and jet across the gym floor. Surprisingly, the two teams of teachers finished just about in a tie. The students ended their celebration with cake and juice as they reflected on the fun activities.



*CTS having a real good time with the 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School activities!*

As we move into the second half of the school year teachers and students look to spring testing with confidence. All year long we have been working on skills and test-taking strategies to ensure that our CTS students do their best. We know that our collective hard work and persistence will pay off!

**Reported by Debbie Halphen:**

Just before CTS departed for the Mardi Gras holiday second grade was able to share what has been going on in their classroom. Mrs. Debbie tells us that her second graders have been working so hard this year. Math has really gotten students thinking critically. Students are working on proportional reasoning skills to solve problems for the real world and they have been adding using regrouping. They have been doing lots of hands on activities to help them learn these skills. In Social Studies students have been studying the United States Presidents. Students focused on two presidents, George Washington and Abraham Lincoln.

This year is the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Abraham Lincoln’s birthday, so this is an exciting time to learn about his presidency. Students made patriotic profiles and wrote a paragraph that began with the statement, “If I become President...”. At the end of the unit students enjoyed cherry tarts to celebrate their hard work.

Also during the month of February all CTS students were encouraged to create non-fiction stories to “Warm Our Hearts”. Students were asked to simply write down an example of good character that they had witnessed and drop it off in the “Warm Our Hearts” box in the office. Stories had to highlight one of the 6 pillars of character, and if a story was chosen to be read over the intercom system during the morning announcements, the author received two Eagle Bucks! It was really “heartwarming” to hear so many stories, especially from our second graders. Last but not least, our second grade “Star Student” was Khloe Walden. Congratulations, Khloe!

### **Reported by Allison Burgess:**

Hello from the third graders at Chitimacha Tribal School. Congratulations to Mason Gaddy, our third grade star student. He has been very interested in learning and very respectful to his classmates. Keep up the hard work, Mason! On March 2, 2009, the third graders celebrated Dr. Seuss’s birthday. Students read several books by Dr. Seuss and colored a picture of the *Cat and the Hat*. They definitely enjoyed learning about this author.

Another topic students have been enjoying is MATH! They are wild about multiplication! Some third graders are just plain unstoppable! They are zooming through their facts. Keep up all your hard work, third graders!

Third graders’ creativity has been flowing as they created three dimensional figures and measured to see how many cups of rice and beans would fit into each three-dimensional object. It’s been fun, fun everywhere in third grade; students have been having lots of fun with creating graphs. They created one graph a week!

In language students have been learning about pronouns. They wrote an essay describing their favorite activity or game. Students did a fabulous job! These essays will be posted in their classroom soon! Be sure to stop by and check them out!

The human body’s 206 bones have been “getting down” in Science. Students learned a song and a few “moves” to help them learn some of the important bones that are in the human body. Students also created skeletons out of Q-Tips which displayed their creative imaginations. These were some excellent skeletons.

Behavior in class has been extraordinary! The class marble jar is almost full, which means that students are anxiously waiting for the class’s next party! These third grade students have been some busy bees around here, and there’s no stopping them now!!

### **Reported by Tori Louviere:**

The fourth graders at CTS are showing off their scientific skills this nine weeks! Over the last two weeks, they have been investigating sound and light energy. As an extension the fourth grade students worked in teams to discover the way light refracts in water, in water with food coloring, and in milky water. They did a fabulous job!!!

They are currently learning how electricity travels through circuits. To explore this skill, the fourth graders will conduct a science experiment where they will use wire, batteries, and a flashlight bulb. They will arrange the materials to find a way to light the bulb. The fourth graders are very eager to participate in this science investigation! Great job fourth grade scientists!!!





## PRINCIPAL'S NOTE:

As the school year comes to an end, I am pleased to say that the students are still keeping a focus on their studies. All are ready for the last 9 week period to be very successful. Students are going to do their "BEST" on the iLEAP/ LEAP standardized test. The staff and students have been working diligently to prepare for this test.

Testing is a "CELEBRATION" of all that has been learned!

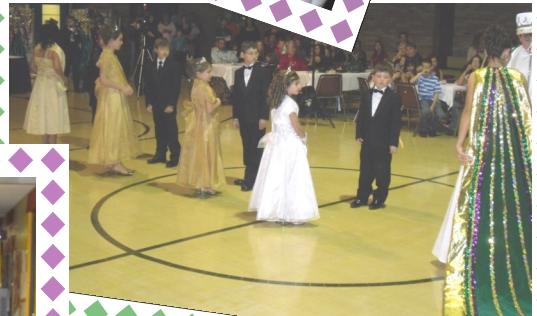
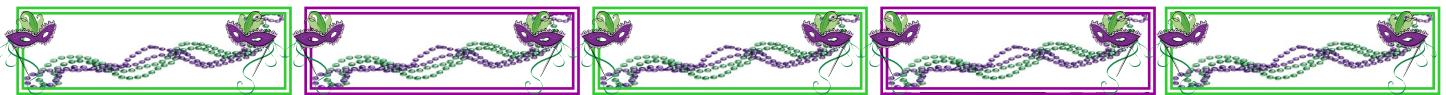
**GOOD LUCK!!**

iLEAP/ LEAP begins April 1<sup>st</sup> and will end on April 7<sup>th</sup>.

## SCHOOL NOTES:

### To keep you informed:






- The CSRP (Consolidated School Reform Plan) is available at school for review. You are welcome to make suggestions. Please feel free to contact school if you would like to review the CSRP.
- One course that Title VII service provides to students is the after school homework/tutoring program.



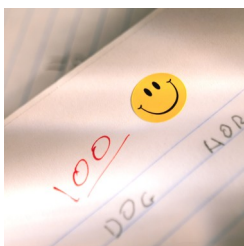
**CONGRATULATIONS** to the 2008-2009 CTS Mardi Gras Court: Amber Mora, Princess; Ethan Vilcan, Prince; Kimberly Darden, Maid (2/3<sup>rd</sup>); Kyle Darden, Duke (2/3<sup>rd</sup>); Rachell Haire, Maid (4/5<sup>th</sup>); Peyton Trahan, Duke (4/5<sup>th</sup>); Kaitlyn Landry, Maid (6/7<sup>th</sup>); Dylan Dwyer, Duke (6/7<sup>th</sup>); Kaylee Cormier, Queen; Rhett LeBlanc, King; Phyllis Chauvin, Senior Queen and Roy Darden, Jr., Senior King.

# Chitimacha Tribal School

## April 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 <b>April Fool's Day</b>	2 Cameryn Burgess-BD 	3	4
			APRIL 1st-7th iLEAP & LEAP TESTING	iLEAP & LEAP TESTING	iLEAP & LEAP TESTING	
5	6 ★ Star of Week from 8th grade  iLEAP & LEAP TESTING	7  iLEAP & LEAP TESTING	8 4-H Meeting At 2:00 Eagle Egg Hunt- \$3 Eagle Bucks (K-5th grade) Child Abuse Awareness Parade-2:30 *Spring Pictures*	9 <b>Early Release for Students at 1:00</b>	10 <b>Good Friday—NO SCHOOL</b>	11
12 	13	14	15	16	17	18
<b>SPRING BREAK-13th-17th—NO SCHOOL</b>						
19 Jast Anderson-BD Ratne Darden-BD 	20 Return to School Star of Week from Kind.	21 Chase Cormier-BD Diabetes Day in the gym- Students participate during P.E.	22  Spring Shopping- Eagle Buck School Store \$\$\$	23	24 End of 4th Mid-9 Week 6th Grade  A-B Conduct Free Dress	25
<b>*Parent/Student Conferences—April 20th--May 1st*</b>						
26	27 ★ Star of Week from 1st	28 4th Mid-9 Week Progress Reports Sent Home	29 ★ Star Lunch at 11:15	30 Parent Night Dinner 5:30-7:30	May 1	May 2
<b>*Parent/Student Conferences—April 20th--May 1st*</b>						





# CHITIMACHA TRIBAL SCHOOL

## 2008-2009 SCHOOL YEAR

### Third Nine Weeks Renaissance Program



### Award Winners:

#### Principal's List:

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Tayla Bernauer  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Peyton Trahan  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Drake Hewitt

#### Honor Roll:

1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Julian Mire  
Breyonna Verret  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Maiya Darby  
Nina Darden  
Khloe Walden  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Conner Anderson  
Mason Gaddy  
Dynah Sedatol  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Meghan Baham  
Sage Guillory  
Kymberlin Landry  
Amanda Vilcan  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Trent Darden  
Caylin Moneaux  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Kati Martin  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade: Erica Compton  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Jasi Anderson  
Kaylee Cormier

#### Improvement Award:

1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Tyler Rogers  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Nina Darden  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Tayla Bernauer  
Dynah Sedatol  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Meghan Baham  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Caleb Darden  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade: Kaitlyn Landry  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Jasi Anderson  
Kaylee Cormier  
Nata Sedatol

#### Good Conduct:

KND.: Analaysha Burgess  
Cameryn Burgess  
Devin Butaud

#### Good Conduct continued...

KND.: Dominic Crochet  
Bryce Demarco  
McKayla Higgins  
Amber Mora  
Jacob Mora  
Benedicto Paulino  
Landon Pontiff  
Robert Savoie  
Ethan Vilcan

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Grade:

Tyler Rogers  
Kassidy Talbot  
Breyonna Verret

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:

MaKenzie Broussard  
Dymond Darden  
Nina Darden  
Drake Pontiff  
Khloe Walden

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:

Conner Anderson  
Tayla Bernauer  
Hannah Butaud  
MaKayla Higgins

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade:

Meghan Baham  
Jadi Brown  
Raine Darden  
Sage Guillory  
Rachell Haire  
Kymberlin Landry  
Peyton Trahan  
Amanda Vilcan  
Toni Vilcan  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Trent Darden  
Drake Hewitt  
Caylin Moneaux

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade:

Colby Darden  
Sarah Guillory  
Caleb Higgins  
Kati Martin  
Tommie Poirrier  
Reid Simoneaux

#### Good Conduct continued...

7<sup>th</sup> Grade: Erica Compton  
Bailey Hebert  
Trae' Kitchens  
Kaitlyn Landry  
Katie Vilcan  
Victoria Vilcan  
8<sup>th</sup> Grade: Jasi Anderson  
Kaylee Cormier  
Nata Sedatol

#### Perfect Attendance:

Kindergarten: Cameryn Burgess

Landon Pontiff  
1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Jasmine Derouen  
Evan Frederick  
Christian Shuff

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Maiya Darby

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Tayla Bernauer  
MaKayla Higgins  
Dynah Sedatol

4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Jasi Brown  
Robert Compton  
Sage Guillory  
Kymberlin Landry  
Peyton Trahan  
Amanda Vilcan  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Joshua Darden  
Kale Delcambre  
Caleb Higgins  
7<sup>th</sup> Grade: Katie Vilcan

*congratulations, Students & Parents,*

## JOB WELL DONE!!!



# Recreation Newsletter

## March 2009

**Chitimacha Challenge 2009:** Congratulations to all the Challenge participants who are still going strong. Many of the participants have already received their first reward and are working towards their second.

**Spring Ball:** Youth Summer Ball has been organized. We'll have 3 teams in the 3-4 year old Wiffle Ball, 3 teams in the 5-6 T-Ball, and 1 team each of Boys and Girls 7-8 Pitching Machine. Our 7-8 year old teams will play games in Jeanerette and at Chitimacha. All other age groups will play in Franklin or Jeanerette. Our coaches' meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 30. Teams will be picked and practices will begin that week. Games will be played on Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning April 21<sup>st</sup>. For more information, please call us at 923-4975.

**Pool:** The pool will be uncovered and cleaned in the month of April, and will open by the first of May. Swim Lessons will be held for two weeks in June, with the dates being announced soon. Surveys were sent out to determine the interest of Swim Team. Results are coming in daily. If there is enough interest, we will have Swim Team in June.

**Chitimacha Open Golf Tournament:** The 8<sup>th</sup> grade class journeyed to LeTriomphe on Thursday, March 26, for a field trip to the Chitimacha LA Open. The goal of the field trip was to explain the fundamentals of golf and to see firsthand Chitimacha's involvement in sponsorship of this National event that benefits many charities in Acadiana.

As always, if you have any questions, we'll be happy to help. You can call us at 923-4975 or drop by Recreation during office hours.

*Be sure to glance at the marquis for the latest information in Recreation.*



**"Remember...Keep Moving!"**

## NEWS FROM DEVELOPMENT

*Brian Headley, Development Director*



### Raintree Market Project Update

Progress is being made towards the Raintree Market project. As most of you will recall, this is the Tribal Owned grocery market located in Raintree Village. We have engaged 4D Contractors out of Ruston, LA to prepare the project plans and specifications. 4D specializes in this type of facility construction and in order to achieve all of the efficiencies out of the design process and on recommendation from Associated Grocers, Inc., this company was selected.

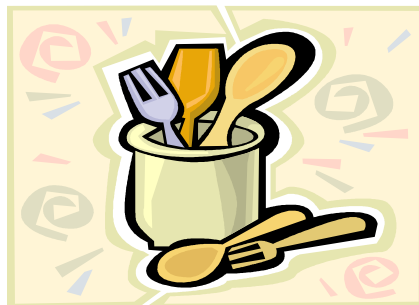
The site plan has been prepared and work is underway on the facility layout to include the floor plan, location of equipment and other specialized features of the facility. Other items such as the Deli equipment, freezers and other display cases are being specified and determined for feasibility in this project.

In addition, this facility will be serviced by Associated Grocers, Inc. This company provides exceptional customer service as a food distributor to the independent grocer as well as a tremendous resource for efficiency and effectiveness of the grocery operation.

If you have any questions, please contact the Tribal Development Department at (337) 923-4000.

Thank You.

### Health Clinic Corner DIABETES PROGRAM



### DIABETES SUPPORT/EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

By: Lori Darden, CHN

DIABETES BREAKFAST	Wednesday, May 6, 2009
DIABETES LUNCH	Wednesday, June 3, 2009
DIABETES BREAKFAST	Wednesday, July 1, 2009
DIABETES LUNCH	Wednesday, August 5, 2009
DIABETES BREAKFAST	Wednesday, September 2, 2009

All events will be held at RiverCane. Breakfast will be served at 7:30 am & lunch will be served at 11:00 am. All Tribal members and spouses are invited to participate. For more information, contact Lori at (337)923-9955, ext. 3005.

# Employee of the Year Nominees For the July-September 2008 Quarter

Marjorie Landry  
Assistant Cook



(L to R) John Paul Darden and  
Marjorie Landry

Earl Tyler  
Firefighter



(L to R) Earl Tyler and Kenny Perry

Congratulations to  
all the nominees!



# *Employee of the Year Nominees For the Oct. – Dec. 2008 Quarter*

**April Wyatt**  
**Financial Executive Assistant**



**(L to R) April Wyatt and Patty Perry**

**Congratulations to April Wyatt for being  
nominated by her supervisor!**

**Joshua Mora**  
**Information Systems Specialist**



**Congratulations to Joshua Mora  
for receiving Most Gold Stars!**

**(L to R) Greg Waguespack and Joshua Mora**



## ***CHITIMACHA TRIBAL STAFF NEWS***

At the Quarterly Staff Meeting held on February 26, 2009, Peggy Gaddy, Chief Administrative Officer, recognized the following employees in appreciation of their hard work, loyalty and dedication to the Chitimacha Tribe of LA for their Years of Service :

<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Employee Name</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Job Title</u>	<u>Hire Date</u>
5 Years	Nikina Vilcan	Finance	Finance Director	12/18/03
10 Years	Terri Louviere	Gaming Commission	Compliance Officer	01/03/99
10 Years	Debra Stave	Gaming Commission	Financial Investigator	01/11/99
15 Years	Arthur Kahn	Gaming Commission	Compliance Officer Shift Supervisor	11/28/93
15 Years	Ellen Hebert	Police	Captain	12/12/93
15 Years	Elaine Higgins	Health	Community Health Assistant	12/13/93
15 Years	Sara LaBiche	Police	Communications Officer	12/27/93



***Congratulations!***

# BOARD VACANCY

## Election Board

The Chitimacha Tribal Council is seeking to appoint a Member to the Election Board to fill a term which will expire in May of 2013. A stipend will be provided. Interviews will be conducted of interested applicants.

**Scope:** The Election Board Members perform such duties as prescribed by the Election Ordinance and any additional rules and regulations prescribed by the Tribal Council.

**Qualifications:** All Election Board Members must be an enrolled member of the Tribe and be at least 18 years of age at the time of their appointment to the board. Election Board Members are not allowed to be a member of the Tribal Council, School Board or any other elected Tribal office.

**Responsibilities:** Maintain all records of the Election Board. Designate dates for voter registration, filing for candidates and conduct of elections. Post notice of election, register votes, maintain and update voter registration records, and certify candidates. Prepare and secure ballots, set up and manage polling place, and secure ballot box and/or voting machine, verify eligible voters, count votes, declare winners and/or runoff candidates. Report results to the public, Tribal Council, and Bureau of Indian Affairs. Set up and manage special elections and referendums.

Please send letter of interest by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 21, 2009 to:

Chitimacha Tribal Council  
Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana  
P. O. Box 661  
Charenton, LA 70523

## **Position Announcement**

The Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana has openings at the Child Development Center/Yaamahana for Substitute Child Care Providers.

Qualifications: High School Diploma or GED and must be 18 years of age. Six (6) months of relevant childcare experience is preferable.

Preference: Subject to pre-employment physical examination, pre-employment drug testing and a background investigation.

To Apply: View our website [www.chitimacha.gov](http://www.chitimacha.gov), or visit the Human Resources Department at 105 Houma Drive, Charenton, LA.

Deadline to apply: Tuesday, April 21, 2009.



### **REMINDER:**

Car seat safety and proper installation courses are offered from trained personnel through the Yaamahana Center. Copies of seat installation instructions are available at Yaamahana. Contact Kathleen Flanagan @ (337)923-0100 for more information.





# *CPB Young Heroes 2009*

*Top 44 Finalist out of 257 Nominees*

*Congratulations  
Jasi Anderson*

*We are Proud of You!*

*Love,*

*Mom & Dad, Jovan & Conner*



*YOUNG  
HEROES*

*Congratulations!*

*Jasi Danielle Anderson*

*has been selected as a finalist for the  
2009 Young Heroes Awards*



**ExxonMobil**

**CapitalOne Bank**



**CBBR, Inc.**  
Credit Bureau of Baton Rouge, Inc.



## **“Truth Has Fallen In The Streets!”**

These are the words of Isaiah, written around 700 B.C. about the southern Kingdom of Judah. The northern Kingdom, Israel, had been overrun by the Assyrians. Under Solomon’s reign, Israel, and Judah were one nation. Dependent on God, it was ruled by justice and righteousness and greatly blessed by Him! After Solomon’s death, the northern Kingdom, Israel, broke away from the southern Kingdom, known as Judah. Judah was the location of Jerusalem and the Temple, once known for its majestic and glorious worship. However, a generation came in, which appreciation for God became of little value. By Isaiah’s time, the Judeans had become complacent, corrupt, immoral, and arrogant. Gone was the nation’s dependence on God and its former glory. God Himself, very involved in establishing Israel and her glorious Temple, was forgotten. God’s blessings were withdrawn. The nation broke apart and eventually was overrun by Assyrians, then the Babylonians.

By comparison, the United States of America was founded with a recognition and a dependence on God. Godly principles were embraced in her Constitution. Her morality was guided by the Bible. Very much like Israel and Judah, two-hundred years later, we have a generation that could care less about what God thinks. He has been told to get out of our schools, our courtrooms, and our politics. He is not welcome in our public life or in most private home lives any more. We are a nation who has forgotten her heritage in God and just as it happened in Israel and Judah, “truth has fallen in the streets!” Nowhere is this more evident than in our media! As influential as our media is today, it is not regulated by truth. We can’t even get truth about candidates running for public office and we call it “free press”. We legislate the “right” to kill the unborn. We protect the rights of those who come to kill us, etc. we protect the “rights” of just about anyone except those who want to maintain what this country was originally founded upon, Godly principles based on the Bible. Once the Bible is rejected as authoritative, what serves as a guide post for morality and truth?

Rejecting God’s authority and truth is a cancer that is eating away at our society! His authority is challenged at our colleges. It is challenged at our churches and in our courtrooms. Will our outcome be the same as ancient Israel and Judah? Israel’s and Judah’s only hope was to turn back to God. So is ours! (From Gary Fisher, Lion of Judah Ministries)

Let me encourage you, don’t wait until God pours out His wrath on this nation. Turn to Him now. Tomorrow may be too late. Jesus gave His life, as a free gift, to all who are willing to accept it. You cannot buy it nor can you work for it. It’s free! There is nothing you’ve ever done that He can’t forgive. That is, before you die, His word says in Hebrews 9:27 “And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment”. Don’t be deceived, every knee will bow and every tongue will confess that Jesus is Lord, and stand before God to be judged. Just remember, “It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God” (Hebrews 10:31).

Brother Orien Butaud

If you don’t have a church family, please come check us out. Our services are at the corner of Chitimacha Trail and Martin Luther King Dr. Thursdays at 7P.M. and Sundays at 9 A.M. (Sunday School), 10:30 A.M. Praise and Worship. 6 P.M. Intercessory Prayer. God Bless! We love you all.



## COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

### ATTENTION!

During the survey process for the Strategic Planning Project, we received several comments regarding the need for copies of the Tribal Constitution. We want to let everyone know that the Constitution is now available on the Chitimacha website online at [www.chitimacha.gov](http://www.chitimacha.gov) under the "Tribal Government" heading. If you do not have access to the web, feel free to contact the Tribal Office and we will be happy to mail you a copy. The phone number at the office is 337-923-4973. There will also be copies available at the front desk of the Main Office for those of you that live close by and want to stop in and pick one up.

## Native Treasure & Trades

**When:**  
Saturday  
May 2, 2009  
and thereafter, the 1st  
Saturday of every month

**Where:**  
Outdoor Pavilion next to  
the Chitimacha Museum

**Time:**  
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM  
Concessions are available

- **Bring family & friends to browse through our community flea market with used furniture, new & used household items, clothes, handmade arts & crafts, jewelry, collectibles & gift items.**
- **Please Call Jackie at 337-578-6142 to obtain a booth or for more information.**



Call Kitty @ (337)923-4973 to place an Ad or Email to:  
[kitty@chitimacha.gov](mailto:kitty@chitimacha.gov)



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